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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 12 CTD MEETING--AGENDA ITEM 1: GSP

1. IF QUESTIONED, THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD GIVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES DRAWING ON THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA AND THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS TELEGRAM. IF PRESSED ON THE PRODUCT OR COUNTRY LIST, THE U.S. DEL WILL HAVE TO RESPOND THAT THE FINAL DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THESE QUESTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE IS NOT, THEREFORE, IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THEM.

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2. ON MARCH 24, 1975, THE PRESIDENT TRANSMITTED TO THE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION A LIST OF PRODUCTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DESIGNATION AS ELIGIBLE ARTICLES FOR PURPOSES OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. THAT WAS THE FIRST IN A LONG SERIES OF STEPS TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THOSE PRODUCTS WOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR INCLUSION IN THE GSP UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. WE FULLY EXPECT THAT THAT PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL ITS PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT ITS GSP ON JANUARY 1, 1976. IT IS OUR EXPECTATION AND INTENTION TO OFFER A SYSTEM WHICH IS LIBERAL AND AFFORDS SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE EXPANSION TO THE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES IN SPITE OF CURRENT

DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. WE ALSO EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES TO THE LIST OF ELIGIBLES IN TIME FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR GSP WHEN IT IS IMPLEMENTED NEXT YEAR. KISSINGER

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